xi. A cluster approach to production of carpets needs to be encouraged to have input processing and carpet weaving within the same cluster to boost exports of quality carpets.

xii. Carpet looms shall be modernized to ensure increased productivity. The Government must provide financial support to the NPC to design and develop steel looms in different sizes.

xiii. Improvement of infrastructural facilities, especially in the Bhadohi-Mirzapur carpet belt, must be given top priority and adequate funds for the purpose need to be provided.

xiv. The carpet industry shall promote eco-friendly carpets.

xv. The Government may entrust NPC with a project and provide financial support for developing an appropriate process for washing carpets.

Based on the various recommendations submitted by the Expert Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam, the Government had formulated National Textile Policy, which was announced in November, 2000.

Subsidy on technological upgradation of small powerlooms

†885. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering for providing subsidy on technological upgradation of small powerlooms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of powerlooms in the country at present, State-wise; and

(d) the quantum of cloth produced on powerlooms each year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKARSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Government has provided, *w.e.f.* 6th November, 2003, by way of enlargement of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, a credit linked capital subsidy @ 20 per cent to small scale powerloom units for the benchmarked technology—weaving machinery costing upto Rs. 60 lakhs. In view of this no other scheme is being considered by the Government to provide subsidy for technological upgradation of small powerlooms.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) A list showing the number of powerlooms in the country at present State-wise is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(d) The quantum of textiles produced by powerloom sector during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are 25,192 million sq. metres, 25,954 million sq. metres and 27,258 million sq. metres respectively.

Statement

State-wise number of powerlooms in the country at present

State/Union Territory	No. of Looms (as on 30.4.2004)
Andhra Pradesh	44020
Assam	2726
Bihar	2894
Goa	122
Gujarat	320870
Haryana	9882
Himachal Pradesh	1461
Jammu & Kashmir	65
Karnataka	81869
Kerala	2731
Madhya Pradesh	67841
Maharashtra	839029
Orissa	3319
Punjab	23606
Rajasthan	32249
Tamil Nadu	334372
Uttar Pradesh	65934
West Bengal	4457
Delhi	1102
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Manipur	0
Chandigarh (UT)	42
D & N Haveli (UT)	930
Pondicherry (UT)	830
Andaman & Nikobar, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep (UT)	0
TOTAL :	1840351